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This anthology, published in 1885, is formed of seven stories together with an introductory chapter that sets up a framing narrative by Henry Norman. This narrative, which is resumed at the end of each tale, concerns a group of travelers on a transatlantic crossing. When their ship, the *Bavaria*, suffers a broken shaft, they are forced to remain becalmed mid-ocean, telling stories to pass the time.

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